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SUBJECT: TARAPUR - LETTER TO NRC FROM 54 CONGRESSMEN

1. ON MARCH 8, 54 CONGRESSMEN, LED BY RICHARD OTTINGER (D-NT), SENT A LETTER TO NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION CHAIRMAN WILLIAM ANDERS REQUESTING A FULL REVIEW PRIOR TO THE LICENSING OF FURTHER FUEL SHIPMENTS FOR THE TARAPUR ATOMIC POWER STATION. THE LETTER WAS WRITTEN IN SUPPORT OF THE PETITION FILED WITH NRC MARCH 2 BY THE NATURAL RESOURCES DEFENSE COUNCIL, THE UNION OF CONCERNED SCIENTISTS, AND THE SIERRA CLUB.

2. TEXT OF LETTER: "DEAR MR. ANDERS:

WE ARE WRITING IN SUPPORT OF THE INTERVENTION PETITION FILED ON MARCH 2ND BY THE NATURAL RESOURCES DEFENSE COUNCIL, THE SIERRA CLUB AND THE UNION OF CONCERNED SCIENTISTS FOR UNCLASSIFIED

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A FULL ADJUDICATORY REVIEW OF THE LICENSE APPLICATION TO

EXPORT ENRICHED URANIUM FUEL TO INDIA FOR ITS TARAPUR REACTORS."

"WE FEEL STRONGLY THAT AT A MINIMUM THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION SHOULD CONDUCT FULL-SCALE ADJUDICATORY PROCEEDINGS FOR EXPORT LICENSES ON THE ORDER OF THOSE CONDUCTED PRIOR TO GRANTING OPERATING LICENSES FOR NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS IN THE UNITED STATES. THIS WOULD PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC AND FOR RELEVANT GOVERNMENT AGENCIES TO HELP THE NRC DEVELOP A COMPLETE RECORD AND ARRIVE AT ITS DECISIONS BASED ON SUCH A RECORD.

"THERE IS NO EXCUSE FOR NRC TO DO ANY LESS EXTENSIVE ANALYSIS PRIOR TO THE GRANTING OF A LICENSE TO EXPORT SPECIAL NUCLEAR MATERIAL (SNM) THAN IT DOES FOR ANY PORTION OF THE FUEL CYCLE HERE IN THE U.S."

"THE PROPOSAL TO EXPORT 40,000 POUNDS OF ENRICHED URANIUM TO TARAPUR IS EXTREMELY ALARMING IN LIGHT OF INDIA'S EXPLOSION OF A BOMB MANUFACTURED FROM DIVERTED REACTOR MATERIALS. WE ARE ALSO EXTREMELY CONCERNED THAT INDIA IS NOT A PARTY TO THE NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY AND HAS NOT SUBMITTED ALL HER NUCLEAR FACILITIES TO THE MINIMAL SAFEGUARDS OF THE INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY."

"BEYOND OUR CONCERN THAT LICENSING OF THIS SHIPMENT OF SNM TO TARAPUR BE SUBJECT TO FULL AND PUBLIC HEARINGS, WE STRONGLY URGE THAT THE COMMISSION ACT QUICKLY TO ESTABLISH FULL ADJUDICATORY PROCEDURES FOR ALL NUCLEAR EXPORTS, TO ASSURE ADEQUATE SAFEGUARDS AGAINST CONVERSION TO WEAPONS OF MATERIALS WE EXPORT--EITHER BY THE IMPORTER OR BY THEFT."

3. IN ADDITION TO REP. OTTINGER, FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF CONGRESS SIGNED LETTER: PATTISON (D-N.Y.), WIRTH (D-COLO.), FRASER (D-MINN.), MEYNER (D-N.J.), P. BURTON (D-CALIF.), HARRIS (D-VA.), J.BURTON (D-CALIF.), STUDDS (D-MASS.), RYAN (D-CALIF.), SPELLMAN (D-MD.), ASPIN (D-WISC.), ADAMS (D-WASH.), LEVITAS (D-GA.), LONG (D-MD), UNCLASSIFIED

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CALIF.), BADILLO (D-N.Y.), CHISHOLM (D-N.Y.), ROE (D-N.J.),
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STARK (D-CALIF.), ROYBAL (D-CALIF), MOORHEAD (D-PA.),
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